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SUBJECT: ESSO EASTERN'S REQUEST TO HAVE SWISS GOVERNMENT
ACT AS CUSTODIAN FOR ITS HOLDINGS IN VIETNAM

REF: SAIGON 5197

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED ESSO REQUEST IN REFTEL
WITH FELIX SCHNYDER, AMBASSADOR OF SWITZERLAND, WHOSE
INITIAL OPINION IS THAT IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE
POSSIBLE FOR HIS COUNTRY TO UNDERTAKE THIS TYPE OF
RESPONSIBILITY. SCHNYDER STATED THAT SWITZERLAND ONLY
REPRESENTS OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN SUCH SITUATIONS, NOT
PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. HE COULD NOT THINK OF A PRECEDENT
FOR THE EXTENSIVE ARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED BY ESSO. SHOULD
THE SWISS ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR A FOREIGN EMBASSY,
HE EXPLAINED, THEY ARE WILLING TO ASSUME THE PROTECTION OF
THOSE RECORDS CONCERNING PRIVATE COMPANIES THAT MIGHT
FOR SOME OFFICIAL REASON BE FILED IN THAT EMBASSY-- BUT
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THEIR FOREIGN SERVICE COULD NOT ASSUME A CUSTODIAN ROLE FOR

A PRIVATE FIRM'S HOLDINGS THROUGHOUT A COUNTRY, WHICH IN ESSO'S CASE PRESUMABLY INCLUDES STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF THE ESSO REQUEST, HOWEVER, THE SWISS EMBASSY IS ASKING BERN FOR A DEFINITIVE DECISION. KISSINGER

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